

MOTACILLA REGULUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subulatum, rectum: mandibulis subæqualibus.

Nares ovatæ.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 328.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MOTACILLA subvirescens, subtus pallida, verticis fascia longitudinali lutea utrinque nigro marginata.

MOTACILLA remigibus secundariis exteriori margine flavis, medio albis, vertice luteo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 338.

REGULUS CRISTATUS.

Will. orn. p. 163. t. 42.

SYLVIA REGULUS.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 548.

Antequam detectus esset orbis Americanus, avium omnium minima habebatur Motacilla Regulus: mi-

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norem certe non alit Europa. Eximiam eleganti huic aviculæ affert pulchritudinem quæ verticem decorat fascia læte aurantia utrinque etiam nigro terminata. Non mollis et tenella est Motacilla Regulus, sed hiemes nostro sub coelo frigidissimas illæsa perfert. Cernere est eam sæpius in quercibus quas amare videtur ante alias arbores.



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THE
GOLDEN-CROWNED WREN.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill fubulate (or awl-shaped); ftrait; the mandibles nearly equal.

Nostrils nearly oval.

Tongue jagged, or lacerated towards the tip.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

GREENISH MOTACILLA, pale beneath, with a longitudinal gold-yellow band edged on each fide with black on the crown of the head.

THE GOLDEN-CROWNED WREN.

Raii fyn. p. 79. A. 9.

Will. orn. p. 227. pl. 42.

Br. Zool. 1. No. 153.

The Motacilla Regulus, or golden-crested Wren, is the fmalleft of all the European birds, and till the difcovery of the American continent, was regarded as the moft diminutive of the feathered tribe. The rich orange-coloured ftripe on the top

of the head, softening into yellow, and bounded on each side by a line of black, gives a peculiarly beautiful appearance to this elegant species. It is a bird of a hardy constitution, and bears without seeming inconvenience the severest winters of our climate. It is more frequently seen on oak trees than on any others.